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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

NORTE ET AL.

Examiner

Gary F Paumen

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 April 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 36-50 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 1-16 and 26 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 17-25, 27-35 and 51 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 52 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Claims 36-50 stand withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on November 10, 2004.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 17-19, 22-24, 28, 29 and 32-35 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hwang 6824429.

Hwang (Figure 4) discloses electrically conductive shield 22 having mounting element 23 adjacent a connector aperture, cable apertures 210 in hinged (folded down) lid member 24. Lid member 24 can be bent into an open position as well. Shield means 22 is outside of means 1 for enclosing electronic componentry.

Claims 25 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hwang as applied to claims 1 and 17 above, and further in view of Ando et al 6364706.

Hwang substantially discloses the claimed invention except for a plurality of mounting flanges having fastener apertures. Ando et al discloses mounting flanges 202 having fastener apertures for fasteners 204, and to provide the connector shield of

Hwang with mounting flanges having fastener apertures thus would have been obvious, to facilitate mounting to a panel.

Claims 20, 21, 30 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hwang.

Hwang substantially discloses the claimed invention except for the cable apertures being rectangular with a maximum linear dimension of 1 cm, and the lid member having a lip.

It would have been obvious to form the cable apertures in a rectangular shape with a maximum linear dimension of 1 cm, to conform to a cable of similar size and shape.

Shown (Figure 4) is lip 2. It would have been obvious to place lip 2 (first protrusion) on lid member 24 so as to overlap sidewall 22 since the function thereof would not be altered.

Claims 1-5 and 26 are allowed.

Claim 52 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: claim 52: shield 22 of Hwang does not cover the access aperture of access panel means 71. Claim 1: shield 22 of Hwang does not disclose at least four side panels, nor a number of mounting elements on opposite sides of the connector aperture, an interior volume defined at least in part by the four side panels.

Applicant's arguments filed April 20, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Lid member 24 of Hwang can be bent into an open position as well. Shield means 22 of Hwang is outside of means 1 for enclosing electronic componentry.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary F Paumen whose telephone number is 571-272-2013. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula Bradley can be reached on 571-272-2800, ext. 33. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Paumen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gary Paumen
Primary Examiner

